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Insert Title:

THE USE OF PRIMERS FOR UNIVERSAL FINGERPRINT ANALYSIS

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the specification was filed on February 4, 2000

United States Application Number 09/485,131

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I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

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I do not know and do not believe the same was ever known or used in the United States of America before my or our invention thereof, or patented or described in any printed publication in any country before my or our invention thereof or more than one year prior to this application, that the same was not in public use or on sale in the United States of America more than one year prior to this application, that the invention has not been patented or made the subject of an inventor's certificate issued before the date of this application in any country foreign to the United States of America on an application filed by me or my legal representative or assigns more than twelve months (six months for designs) prior to this application, and that no application for patent or inventor's certificate on this invention has been filed in any country foreign to the United States of America prior to this application by me or my legal representatives or assigns, except as follows.

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## Prior Foreign Application(s)

## Priority Claimed

Insert Priority  
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(If appropriate)EP 97 11 3601.5  
(Number)European Patent  
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I hereby claim the benefit under Title 35, United States Code, §119(e) of any United States provisional application(s) listed below.

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I hereby appoint the following attorneys to prosecute this application and to transact all business in the Patent and Trademark Office on my behalf and in connection with the resulting patent based on the application papers to the attorneys identified below, unless the inventor(s) or assignee provides said attorneys with a written notice to the contrary:

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**STATEMENT CLAIMING SMALL ENTITY STATUS**  
**(37 CFR 1.9(e) & 1.27(e)) - SMALL BUSINESS CONCERN**Docket Number: 147-193PApplicant, Patentee, or Identifier: Wolfgang ROHDE et al.Application or Patent No.: 09/485,131Filed or Issued: February 4, 2000Title: THE USE OF PRIMERS FOR UNIVERSAL FINGERPRINT ANALYSIS

I hereby state that I am

- ☐ the owner of the small business concern identified below;  
☒ an official of the small business concern empowered to act on behalf of the concern identified below;

NAME OF SMALL BUSINESS CONCERN Greentec GmbH, Gesellschaft für Pflanzenbiotechnologie mbHADDRESS OF SMALL BUSINESS CONCERN Carl-von-Linné-Weg 10, 50829 Cologne, Germany

I hereby state that the above identified small business concern qualifies as a small business concern as defined in 37 CFR Part 121 for purposes of paying reduced fees to the United States Patent and Trademark Office, in that the number of employees of the concern, including those of its affiliates, does not exceed 500 persons. For purposes of this statement, (1) the number of employees of the business concern is the average over the previous fiscal year of the concern of the persons employed on a full-time, part-time, or temporary basis during each of the pay periods of the fiscal year, and (2) concerns are affiliates of each other when either, directly or indirectly, one concern controls or has the power to control the other, or a third party or parties controls or has the power to control both.

I hereby state that rights under contracts or law have been conveyed to and remain with the small business concern identified above with regard to the invention described in:

- ☐ the specification filed herewith with title as listed above.  
☒ the application identified above.  
☐ the patent identified above.

If the rights held by the above identified small business concern are not exclusive, each individual, concern, or organization having rights in the invention must file separate statements as to their status as small entities, and no rights to the invention are held by any person, other than the inventor, who would not qualify as an independent inventor under 37 CFR 1.9(e) if that person made the invention, or by any concern which would not qualify as a small business concern under 37 CFR 1.9(d), or a nonprofit organization under 37 CFR 1.9(e).

Each person, concern, or organization having any rights in the invention is listed below:

- ☒ no such person, concern, or organization exists.  
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Separate statements are required from each named person, concern, or organization having rights to the invention stating their status as small entities. (37 CFR 1.27)

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**STATEMENT CLAIMING SMALL ENTITY STATUS  
(37 CFR 1.9(f) & 1.27(d))--NONPROFIT ORGANIZATION**

Docket Number 147-193P

Applicant, Patentee, or Identifier: Wolfgang ROHDE et al.  
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Application Filed: February 4, 2000  
Title: THE USE OF PRIMERS FOR UNIVERSAL FINGERPRINT ANALYSIS

I hereby state that I am an official empowered to act on behalf of the nonprofit organization identified below:

NAME OF NONPROFIT ORGANIZATION: Max-Planck-Gesellschaft zur Förderung der Wissenschaften e.V.  
ADDRESS OF NONPROFIT ORGANIZATION: Berlin, Germany

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I hereby state that the nonprofit organization identified above qualifies as a nonprofit organization as defined in 37 CFR 1.9(a) for purposes of paying reduced fees to the United States Patent and Trademark Office regarding the invention described in:

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